

# HONEST MEN WILL NOT ALLOW THROWN GAMES IN BASEBALL

Proof Is Positive That All Teams  
in Virginia Circuit Play  
to Win.

## STATEMENTS BY MANAGERS

False Rumors Invariably Follow  
"Slumps" and Can Generally Be  
Traced to "Knockers."

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Sporting Editor.

In reply to a telegram from the Sporting Editor of The Times-Dispatch, in which it was explained that insinuations had been made, certain teams in the Virginia League were not playing to win games, and that rumors were general that games were being thrown, Manager Frank L. Shaughnessy, of the Roanoke Club, made the following statement:

"In reply to your wish asking my opinion as to whether games are thrown in the Virginia League, would say that games are not thrown in the Virginia or any other league, and any man making such a statement does so because, being unfair himself, he believes other people to be likewise. I have had experience in baseball from the bushes to the major leagues, and never have I met a ball player who would deliberately try to lose a game of baseball.

"If careful study was made of the men playing baseball to-day I believe it would be found that no faction contains as many intelligent and honest men. A crook has no place in baseball. The gambling fraternity is a menace to any sport, and the officials of all baseball clubs try to prevent gambling by every means in their power. A man betting on a game is interested in it only from a monetary standpoint, and not as a lover of clean sport. If you find the crooks, you will find the gamblers.

"But the gamblers can never control the players, and in proof of this the popularity of the game is sufficient.

"Very truly yours,  
(Signed)  
"FRANK L. SHAUGHNESSY."

A general rumor has been circulated around town that the Richmond Champions are not playing to finish first in the Virginia League pennant race in 1909. How absolutely absurd are such rumors! Others who follow the game declare that Roanoke or Danville will win before the season is opened. Nobody says anything about Portsmouth coming out on top. Numbers of letters have been received at this office charging all kinds of crookedness, and these communications can be traced to the "knockers" of the season, and bets were made that way, that Danville would win the championship, and later, when Roanoke took the lead, fickle fans said they had been mistaken, and the Highlanders were the real choice of the magnates for pennant honors.

Are Playing to Win.  
Owner Bradley and Manager Lippe have tried faithfully to get together a winning team, and if they have failed it is no more than any manager is likely to do in baseball. The Richmond team is playing to win, and this, aside from other expressions, is known to be a fact by the sporting editor of this newspaper. Unless they play to win, where would be the chances for those participating in the game as professionals ever getting above the narrow confines of a class C league? No man in a minor organization will throw a game any more than an honest book-keeper will steal, or an honest capitalist misplace funds entrusted to his care.

This talk of thrown games is all "bosh." Of course, Richmond is not one of the three leading teams, but somebody has got to be down, and the fans and fannies in Danville and Roanoke are just as loyal, and just as anxious to win, as are the supporters of the Colts line. It seems that the "knockers" for such they are, will go to any extent to explain why Richmond is not to win the pennant for two successive seasons. Nobody glories more in the success of the Colts than The Times-Dispatch sporting writer, and no one—and he thinks the readers will agree with him—is more ready to place the blame where it is due.

Manager Win Clarke, of Norfolk, one of the greatest and one of the fairest, is fighting tooth and nail to take the "rag" to his town, and he has a good chance to do so. "But," says Clarke, "I don't want anyone to give me games. I've got the team to win, and I believe I'll carry off the honors."

"The day is past when professional games are thrown. One thrown game will do more harm than letting the same team win for many consecutive seasons. I'm for baseball—good, honest baseball, and that's the only kind I play."

All Doing Their Best.

Manager Lippe, at great expense to the owner of the Richmond club, but entirely with his sanction, has endeavored to strengthen the local nine, and even so late in the season has not given up. One thing about Lippe, he is certainly honest with his players, if his assertions are true, and he never fails to hand it to the man whom he thinks deserves it. The players themselves are doing their best, and no more convincing argument of this fact can be had than that many of them have confided the secret to confidential friends.

On one occasion, during the recent slump, The Times-Dispatch writer was permitted to sit in the dugout benches. Nothing impressed him more than the determination with which each man went to bat, and the disappointment shown as they failed to hit the ball. It was a losing game for a while, but by an uphill fight the Colts finally

## Virginia League

### STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Club.	W.	L.	P.	C.	Last Year.
Roanoke	48	35	578	480	
Danville	44	38	537	508	
Portsmouth	41	41	523	437	
Richmond	41	43	488	458	
Lynchburg	39	45	404	407	
Portsmouth	34	49	410	449	

WHERE THEY PLAY TO-DAY.  
Richmond at Portsmouth.  
Norfolk at Roanoke.  
Danville at Lynchburg.

won out. There was joy when the score was tied, but the demonstration was nothing to equal the display made when the winning run tallied. This goes to show that professional ball players, as a rule, take just as much delight in winning a game as amateurs.

In Washington, where the team has been losing season after season, there has never been a suggestion that the team does not try to win, and reports show that the attendance there is invariably large.

It is natural for fans to prefer seeing the home team win, but then these fans, some of whom are always ready to make ugly insinuations when a series of games is lost, should remember there would be no pleasure if it was all out for the same thing to take every game. Baseball is a game of chance, as all others are, and often one error, or a chance hit, will turn the tide of victory.

### Manager Lippe's Statement.

Manager Lippe frankly says that if there was such a thing as throwing a game, he would not go around talking it, but he adds: "In a long experience in professional baseball, I have never known a team on which I was playing to deliberately throw away chances to win. There is not a man in the game, if he plays to lose or does not do his best, who is not finally found out, and the inevitable result is, he is thrown off the team, and often out of baseball.

"The ball player always looks forward to improvement, and lives in the expectation of landing some day in a bigger company. A player without ambition has no place in baseball. Two years' experience in Richmond has taught me to believe and know that games have been played as squarely as anywhere else in the world.

"There has never, to my knowledge, been a single league game thrown. My instructions are from Mr. Bradley to get a winning team. This I have always tried to do."

Manager D. Kingman, of Lynchburg, whose team is below Richmond in the standing column, expresses much the same opinion as does Mr. Lippe. "My experience has been chiefly with college teams, and I don't believe I could learn how to throw a game. Certainly if any such thing as a personal game, or a shell game, is ever given me, I shall quit professional baseball. Newspapers are always ready to expose crookedness, and if any proof is given that any game in Richmond is deliberately given away, the Sporting Editor of The Times-Dispatch is ready at any time to make a personal investigation, and if the proof is positive, this newspaper will be the first to expose it. Clean baseball, such as is now being furnished the patrons of the game in Virginia, will prosper. Any other kind will surely die.

## 'REGULARS' COMING BY SPECIAL TRAINS

Great Crowd Is Expected at First  
Day of Races at  
Saratoga.

SARATOGA, N. Y., August 1.—The midsummer meeting of the Saratoga Racing Association will begin tomorrow afternoon. For the last twenty-four hours the village has been rapidly filling up with visitors, and the crowd was augmented to-night by the arrival on special trains from New York City of nearly 1,500 "regulars." Officers of the association spoke implicitly to-day of the prospects for racing, and expressed the belief that the first day's crowd would be large.

To enforce the anti-betting laws Sheriff Bradley has sworn in a corps of special deputies. All betting will be oral, along the lines of procedure followed at the Metropolitan tracks, to conform with the law.

The sheriff will attend the races every day with his men. He has issued instructions not to interfere with "oral betting."

Nearly 1,000 horses are quartered at the race-track, representing the best-known horsemen in the East, West, South and Canada.

The features of the program to-morrow are the Saratoga Handicap, at \$5,000, and the Flash stakes. The meeting will continue every day until August 25.

New World's Record.  
NEW YORK, August 1.—The Clanton Park L. L. to-day were productive of a new world's record in the two hops and jump. Daniel J. Ahearn, of the Irish-American A. C., cleared five feet six and one-half inches, which is six inches more than the recognized world's record made by Dan Shanahan, of Liverpool, Ireland, nearly twenty years ago.

## RECORDS OF MAJOR LEAGUES

Batting and Pitching Averages of Leading Players, Including Games Played on July 29.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.					NATIONAL LEAGUE.				
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Players.	Clubs.	G.	R.	Ave.	Players.	Clubs.	G.	R.	Ave.
Collins	Ath.	91	47	.351	Hayes	Pittsb.	26	6	.378
Killian	Detroit	16	4	.350	Wagner	Pittsb.	65	10	.346
Cobb	Detroit	93	41	.332	Jacks	Phila.	15	8	.333
Lajoie	Cleveland	65	31	.311	Woolen	Cin.	38	15	.329
Hofman	St. Louis	67	27	.322	Clarke	Pittsb.	37	38	.311
Crawford	Det.	33	50	.317	Bransford	Phila.	78	19	.308
Brown	Det.	64	23	.309	Jordan	Brooklyn	45	50	.303
Cliff	St. Louis	72	48	.304	Hummel	Bklyn.	37	38	.303
Criss	Boston	34	3	.304	Chance	Chicago	45	34	.301
Knickerbocker	St. Louis	93	41	.300	Phelps	St. Louis	52	46	.292
Carrigan	Boston	48	13	.301	Zimmerman	Chi.	38	15	.290
Stone	St. Louis	43	15	.297	Hoblit	Cin.	77	30	.281
Gessner	Boston	72	34	.283	Myers	New York	41	3	.284
Murphy	Atlanta	57	38	.280	Thomas	Boston	30	8	.292

## GREAT WAGNER MAY BE OUT OF GAME FOR GOOD

Pittsburg in Gloom Over Injury Which May Send Star to Bench for Rest of His Life.



HANS WAGNER.

PITTSBURG, Pa., August 1.—Hans Wagner, one of the greatest baseball players the game has ever known, may never play again, owing to an injury he sustained last week. Wagner's injury appears to be a "stitch" in one of the heart muscles, which came upon him when in a game with Cincinnati he hurt himself sliding home. At that time he complained of the pain in the region of his heart, and went into the next game against the advice of Dr. P. C. Berg, the club physician, and of his own physician. The break, which the physicians had feared, came in the middle of the fourth inning, when the big fellow made his second vicious swing at the ball. His physicians say that this is liable to recur on any violent exertion at any time in the future, and on this ground he is advised to retire from the game at once and for all time.

The gloom in Pittsburgh is great. Wagner has declared that he will go to Louisville to-morrow to help bury his own physician, Harry C. Pulliam, if it be the last act of his career.

### GLIDDEN TROPHY TAKEN BY A PIERCE-ARROW

KANSAS CITY, Mo., August 1.—The Pierce-Arrow car No. 5, driven by W. F. Winchester, won a perfect score, won the Glidden trophy in the annual reliability tour of the American Automobile Association, according to official announcement made to-night. Pierce-Arrow No. 108, driven by J. S. Williams, won the Hower trophy with a perfect score. The Detroit trophy, Chalmers-Detroit No. 52, driven by Jean Benn, won the Detroit trophy. The two Pierce-Arrow cars were the only ones to finish with perfect scores.

### Number of Arrests Increases.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ASHEVILLE, N. C., August 1.—Despite the prohibition law and the private detectives who have been here during the past month to see that they were enforced, drunkenness and other such misdemeanors were much in evidence during July, the police records showing an increase of forty-nine arrests over June. Thirty arrests were made on the charge of "drunk and disorderly," against ten for the previous month. Twenty-five were arrested for selling or procuring whiskey, against eight for July. The number of arrests for other offenses did not vary greatly.

### NEGRO IS CAPTURED AND LYNCHED IS THREATENED

NORFOLK, Va., August 1.—Will Blake, a young negro, who is alleged to have criminally assaulted Mrs. Alice Rucker, sixty years of age, yesterday morning at her home in Norfolk county, was captured this afternoon by a posse which had been on his trail for many hours.

Blake was hiding under a school-house when captured, and in trying to escape was shot down and badly wounded. Throat of Lynchburg was heard, but to-night Blake is locked safely in the county jail. Matthews, a colored man, twenty-five years old, and recently was released from the penitentiary.

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## Day in the Big Leagues

NATIONAL LEAGUE.  
Yesterday's Results.  
Chicago, 3; Philadelphia, 6; Chicago, 7; Philadelphia, 6 (second game).  
Cincinnati, 2; Brooklyn, 3; Cincinnati, 3; Brooklyn, 1 (second game).  
St. Louis, 4; Boston, 10.

How the Clubs Stand.  
Clubs. W. L. P. C. Last Year.  
Pittsburg . . . 64 . 25 . 419 . 613  
Chicago . . . 59 . 30 . 462 . 498  
New York . . . 51 . 35 . 523 . 508  
Cincinnati . . 49 . 45 . 503 . 493  
Philadelphia . 49 . 50 . 444 . 445  
St. Louis . . . 37 . 59 . 435 . 347  
Brooklyn . . . 28 . 61 . 387 . 260  
Boston . . . 28 . 64 . 389 . 411

Where They Play To-Day.  
All games scheduled for to-day in out of respect to Harry Pulliam, late president of the National League, who will be buried to-day.

### CHICAGO TAKES TWO

CHICAGO, ILL., August 1.—Chicago won both games from Philadelphia to-day. In the first, Chicago secured the only three runs of the game at the start on two passes, two doubles and a single. The second game was rather loose, Chicago winning, 7 to 6. Chicago's errors gave the visitors a good lead, which the locals passed by bunching eight hits in the fifth and sixth. The scores:

### FIRST GAME.

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Evans	2b	2	0	Grant	3b	0	0
Sheek	1b	2	0	Bates	cf	3	0
Stanley	rf	0	0	Titus	rf	3	0
Chambers	cf	0	0	Magee	cf	3	0
Steiner	2b	1	0	Brand	1b	1	0
Hofman	cf	0	0	Knabe	2b	1	0
Tricker	cf	1	0	Doan	2b	1	0
Archer	cf	2	0	Doan	cf	3	0
Brown	p	3	0	McQuinn	p	2	0
				Martin	p	0	0
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*Batted for McQuinn in 1st.				R.			
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Totals . . . 23 5 27 16 0 Totals . . . 27 12 41 0

\*Batted for McCullen in ninth.

Score by innings: . . . 0000000000-3

Summary: Runs—Sheekard, Stanley, Chance.

Two-base hits—Sheekard, Tricker. Double

hits—Tricker, Stanley, Chance, Doan.

Left on bases—Chicago, 4; Philadelphia, 1.

First base on balls—Off Chicago, 1; Philadelphia, 3.

Struck out—By Brown, 3; by McQuinn, 2. Time of game—1:24. Umpire—O'Day.

### SECOND GAME.

Big Sam, p	0	0	0	Moore, p	0	0	0	0	Prices are higher than they were
Diagnen, p	1	1	0	0	Foxen, p	2	0	1	the opening of the week. Fine c
O'Grall, p	1	0	0	2	Ward, ....	1	0	0	tons for spring, 1910, are being ord
Stanley, ....	1	1	0	0					ed well, and the staple cotton good
Chance, ....	0	0	0	0					mills have all the business they c

Totals . . . 33 17 12 3 Totals . . . 35 24 13 1

\*Batted for Hagerman in sixth.

\*Batted for Moore in seventh.

Score by innings: . . . 00003310-6

Summary: Runs—Zimmerman, Sheekard,

Howard, Tricker, Chance, Grant, Doan.

Two-base hits—Zimmerman, Sheekard,

Bransford, Chance, Grant, Doan.

Left on bases—Chicago, 3; Philadelphia, 1.

First base on balls—Off Chicago, 1; Philadelphia, 3.

Struck out—By Hagerman, 1; by Moore, 2.

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